

ACADEMICS, FAITH, COMMUNITY

“ We chose Catholic education for our child because we wanted more than just strong academics – we wanted a school that would support our values and help shape our child’s character.”

SAINT MARY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
SHREWSBURY



YOUR GENEROSITY
PRESERVES
CATHOLIC EDUCATION

2025



APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

WHOLISTIC EDUCATION. FAMILY COLLABORATION. CHRIST-CENTERED.

Dear friends in Christ,

I have often been asked, "Why support Catholic schools?" Allow me to offer three reasons.

First, Catholic schools are the only option available to families who want a wholistic education for their child so that they are formed in our Catholic faith along with their other subjects, participate in sports and grow socially through extracurricular activities. For those of us who attended Catholic schools, we could not imagine an education that was separate and distinct from learning about God, our gift of faith and the love that Jesus has for each of us.

Second, we welcome a collaboration with families in how their children are formed. The family is the domestic church, in which every child learns the most fundamental lessons. Unlike school systems that teach lessons which may contradict family values leaving children confused, our families know what we are teaching. In Christian charity, we welcome families who need financial assistance, empowering them to exercise a Catholic school option for their child.

Lastly, as the signs in our schools proclaim, "Christ is the reason for this school." As I visit our schools, I meet students who are developing a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church, and who inspire others by their witness to their faith. They are more than the future of our Church. They are signs of hope in the present. Financial support for Catholic schools is an investment in a legacy of faith.

Your gift to the Catholic Schools Appeal, as well as your voice of support to family and friends, will make a difference in the lives of families who value a Catholic education for their children. I ask that you also join your prayers of spiritual support with mine every day for teachers, administrators and staff in their ministry of Catholic school education.

Thank you for considering prayerfully how you can make the dream of a Catholic school education a reality.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE. SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT. LIFE OF SERVICE.

Dear friends of Catholic education,

When people ask me, "What makes Catholic schools different?" I often return to three qualities that I see alive every day in our classrooms and communities.

First, Catholic schools are places of academic excellence. Our dedicated teachers set high expectations and provide the personal attention every child deserves. Students are not only challenged to master their subjects, but also to develop critical thinking, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning.

Second, Catholic schools are safe and supportive environments where every child is known by name. Families can trust that their children are nurtured in communities where respect, kindness, and responsibility guide all we do. Parents often tell me how much it matters to them that their children are surrounded by adults who care deeply about their growth and well-being.

Lastly, Catholic schools form young people for a life of service. Our students regularly put their faith into action by supporting local charities, volunteering in their parishes, and helping neighbors in need. These experiences not only strengthen our communities today but prepare our graduates to become compassionate leaders tomorrow.

Your support of the Catholic Schools Appeal helps to make these opportunities possible for families across our diocese. Together, we can continue to ensure that every child who seeks the gift of a Catholic education has the chance to receive it.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity, which sustain the mission of Catholic schools and transform the lives of our students.

With gratitude,



David Perda, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

WHY CHOOSE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD?

Consider the many benefits – academic, spiritual, emotional and social – of a Catholic school education:

SUPPORTING PERSONAL GROWTH

SAINT LEO
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
LEOMINSTER

“ Our children deserve both academic excellence and personal development. Their teachers have really taken the time to truly recognize their strengths and support their growth through personal investment.”



VALUED COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY,
WEBSTER

“ What we value most is the community surrounding our child. Teachers and classmates support their growth and celebrate who they are.”



CELEBRATING EVERY STUDENT

SAINT ANNA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
LEOMINSTER

“ The rich academic environment staffed with wonderful and dedicated teachers has made this community part of our family’s daily life.”



CATHOLIC SCHOOL FACTS:

Average Class Size –
Elementary and Middle
School: **17** students

Average Class Size –
High School: **15** students

Daily Attendance Rate: **96%**

High School Graduation
Rate: **100%**

High School Graduates
attending 4-year College: **92%**

SPIRIT OF UNITY

TRINITY CATHOLIC
ACADEMY,
SOUTHBRIDGE

“ This isn’t just a school my children attend – it’s a community that is helping shape who they are. Everyone works together to create a supportive and enriching environment.”



STRONG CATHOLIC EDUCATION

SAINT MARY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
SHREWSBURY

“ A Catholic education’s strong academics and emphasis on faith, community, and service has given our child a sense of purpose and belonging.”



WHY YOUR DONATION MATTERS

Your gift helps ensure our Catholic schools remain strong so that they can continue to help students go further in faith and build the foundation for successful futures. Please consider a gift today to ensure our children have the opportunity for high-quality, Catholic education.

ONLINE: schools.worcesterdiocese.org

BY MAIL: Send in the convenient envelope with your donation.

IN PARISH: Support the second collection at your parish or make a donation directly to the Catholic school of your choice.

“Thanks to our donors, we can provide upgrades that make learning meaningful and fun!”

– Beth Boudreau, principal, St. Joseph Elementary School, Webster

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WORCESTER

FOUNDATION OF FAITH

“ Our children are getting the best foundation for a successful future because they are starting with a foundation of faith.”



2024 Catholic Schools Appeal (\$99,231)

School, Town/City	Designated Distribution
All Saints Academy, Webster	\$4,561
Assumption Elementary School, Millbury	\$5,239
Holy Family Academy, Gardner	\$1,450
Our Lady of the Angels Elementary School, Worcester	\$2,345
Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, Uxbridge	\$9,940
St. Aloysius Catholic School, Gilbertville	\$570
St. Anna Elementary School, Leominster	\$4,019
St. Bernadette Elementary School, Northborough	\$3,680
St. Bernard Elementary School, Fitchburg	\$2,446
St. Joseph Elementary School, Webster	\$2,950
St. Leo Elementary School, Leominster	\$ 2,620
St. Mary Elementary School, Shrewsbury	\$3,781
St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School, Worcester	\$2,271
St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, Worcester	\$7,520
Trinity Catholic Academy, Southbridge	\$8,827
Staff faith formation, curriculum and professional development	\$25,365
Other: Cost of promotional material production and postage	\$11,647